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## 175 ARE SLAIN IN OKLAHOMA RACE WAR

### RAIL WAGES SLASHED BY U. S. BOARD

Cut of 12 Per Cent Affects 104 Roads—Edict Operates July 1st.

Chicago, June 1.—Approximately two-thirds of the wage increase granted railroad employees last July, by the railroad labor board, was ordered deducted, beginning July 1, in the board's decision announced today. From the increase last year of \$600,000,000 a year in salaries of railroad labor, nearly \$400,000,000 will be cut, it is estimated, by the reductions directed by the board.

In the case of the general class of maintenance of way laborers, the increase of 8 1/2 cents an hour was withdrawn, while in others of the classes having the larger number of employees, the cuts ranged from 13 to 18, and 16 to 6 cents an hour, as compared with the award of last July.

Although the wage cuts are to apply only on the 104 roads which had filed petitions for the decreases, the board's announcement said that application of other roads would cause the same reductions to be placed in effect on those lines. The decrease, it is estimated, eventually will affect 2,000,000 men. The general average decrease is placed at 12 per cent, as compared with an average of 21 per cent granted last July.

Union leaders, withheld comment on the board's decision but it had been freely stated at sessions of the railway employees' leaders here during the board's hearings on the decrease that cuts of 10 to 12 per cent would meet little opposition.

To Discuss Award.

Leaders of the four big brotherhoods have called a meeting here for July 1, when the wage decreases are effective, to discuss the award. H. E. Byram, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and A. M. Felton, president of the Chicago, Great Western, declared that the reductions granted were "not sufficient to meet the demands of the situation."

In a supplemental memorandum the board points out that during government control the wages of railway employees were increased from an average of \$78 a month, in December, 1917, to \$116 in January, 1920, and to \$141 by the increase of

### GATORS ROAM FLORIDA LINKS

The Potential Traveling Bags Gambo on Green, Protected by Police Chief.

Clearwater, Fla., June 1.—Chief of Police Joseph Russell issued a warning that the first hunter who takes a shot at any one of the five alligators that roam at will over Clearwater's golf course is going to jail, for the chief, who also is "boss" of the course, is determined that his pets shall not be disturbed.

"Golfers cannot get along with the gators the gators will have to play their own game elsewhere, that's all there is to it," the chief has declared.

At least five alligators are known to be making their homes on the course. Russell recently discovered a little shaver about two and one-half feet long. How many more are in the vicinity he does not know but the old rule that where there is much smoke fire will be found, holds good with gators and he believes there are several who have not registered.

"Joe," the largest one, named for the chief, is seven and one-half feet in length. Russell says "Joe" is a "reputed sort of cuss" because he is seen only in the late afternoon or when high tide raises the level in the water of the creek which "Joe" inhabits. The creek crosses the fairway of Number 3 hole. The other four are from two and one-half to four feet in length. Two of them occupy the creek near Number 3 green while the other two are near Number 8 green. The two near Number 8 have become so accustomed to the golfers that they pay them only passing notice.

Charles Livingston Bull, the artist, discovered the gators the first time recently while playing a round with Sewell Ford, the writer, when he walked almost upon a four-foot gator eating himself.

"What the idea, trying to give the tourist player a thrill?" asked Bull.

"Partly," Ford replied, "but I believe Russell intends to train a few gators to act as caddies during the next season."

### SIXTY-FIVE KILLED.

Annaberg, Silesia, June 1.—Fifty Poles and 15 Germans were killed in a battle for possession of Anna-

### SELECTION OF SHIPPING HEAD HARDING'S JOB

May Solve Problem by Naming Standard Oil Man.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special to The Argus.)

Washington, June 1.—President Harding has had no more difficult problem to solve since he took office than the selection of a chairman of the shipping board—and he thinks that at last he has it solved. Mr. Harding has been able when a knotty question arose to pass it over to some member of the cabinet in whose domain the matter lay, but not so with the shipping board. It comes under none of the 10 departments of the government, but is an independent body.

So the president has had to appeal to the cabinet as a whole for advice. Last Friday the subject was discussed at some length, but as is the case with subjects that involve personnel, no conclusion could be reached except as to the type of man who ought to be selected. All seem to be agreed that the job should be put in the hands of a practical shipping man. The trouble about that, however, is the fact that the men who have made a success of shipping are in the shipping business and it is difficult to pick a man whose firm may be doing business with the shipping board now or in the future. This objection, however, is purely the result of a fear of muck-raking or political opposition. Everybody in the government knows that if the man selected is a person of integrity it doesn't make any difference with what company he was previously affiliated. Mr. Harding didn't hesitate heretofore to name A. W. Mellon secretary of the treasury.

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### RIVER OF GOLD WILL BE SOUGHT

OM Prospector Believes Lost River Will Bring Rich Reward for Efforts.

Edmonton, Alberta, June 1.—Search for a lost river—a river of gold—will be undertaken this year by several prospectors, including old-timers from the Yukon and Alaska, who are now here outfitting for the long journey into the north country. This lost river bed, where the Peace river once flowed, is somewhere in the big bend of the Peace, bisected by a line drawn from Fort St. John to the mouth of the Battle river.

Some years ago an Indian brought into Fort St. John a fair sized gold nugget which, according to the tale told by old timers of the north, he discovered in a stream in the country to the northeast of the post. Soon after this an old trapper, a white man, who made Fort St. John his headquarters, came into the fort with a quantity of coarse gold which he had washed from some stream in a similar direction to that from which the Indian had found.

Northmen, who tell the story of the mystic El Dorado north of the Peace, declare that the gold was only available after a heavy fall of snow, with which the old fellow apparently washed his mineral. From an analysis of the circumstances generally, it is thought that the place from which the gold was taken was some old river bed where the Peace once flowed, but whether the story is correct remains to be proved.

Prospectors, however, are putting up good money to test the truth of the theory that the precious metal does exist somewhere to the north of Clear hills in large quantities.

### HON. JAP GETS TANGLED IN HON. ENGLISH TONGUE

Washington, June 1.—A Japanese official, knowing a well known correspondent to be in touch with sources of information, called him to find out who would be American ambassador to Japan, just before the appointment of Richard Washburn Child. Cable rates to Japan are high, so the correspondent called: "Child probable." The answer came promptly: "Congratulations to Hon. Child and Self."

### THE WEATHER

Probably showers and warmer tonight. Thursday unsettled and warmer. Highest temperature yesterday, 81; lowest last night, 63. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 5.3 miles per hour.

	12 m.	7 p.m.	7 a.m.	Yesterday	Today
Dry bulb	76	79	57	76	79
Wet bulb	68	72	55	68	72
Rel. humidity	69	71	90	69	71

River stage at 7 a. m., 6.5, a rise of .1 in last 24 hours.

River Forecast.

The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will rise slowly during the next three days.

FLOYD D. YOUNG, Meteorologist.

### WETS LOSE IN VOTE ON PROHIB BILL

Threaten to Eject F. Scott McBride, State Head of Anti-Saloon League.

Representatives Abbey and McCaskrin voted against Hart's amendment to the prohibition bill to submit it to a referendum. Representative W. C. Mauchner voted for the amendment.

Springfield, Ill., June 1.—By a vote of 73 to 73, the house of representatives refused today to attach a referendum clause to the prohibition bill.

Roll call came after a hard fight and a morning of confusion during which threats were made to eject F. Scott McBride, state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, from the galleries. McBride was charged by Representative Browne and several others leading the fight for the amendment with dropping messages to the floor of the house from the galleries.

House in Uproar.

The house was in an uproar as Representative Browne shouted that he intended to enforce the rules against lobbying even to the exclusion of McBride from the galleries.

"You've been doing it for an hour," Representative Browne shouted. "Any more of that and out you go."

Representative Hart of Kane county offered the referendum amendment after two amendments offered by Representative Tice, sponsor of the measure, had been adopted.

Former Speaker Shanahan took the floor in defense of Speaker Dahlberg during the uproar and confusion over the speaker's announcement of a vote on Representative Tice's motion to table the Hart amendment. Speaker Dahlberg announced the vote a tie and declared the motion lost. Representative Searcy of Springfield, who voted present, arose to change his vote to NO.

McCaslin Votes "Aye."

Representative Myers of Pontiac, recorded as "present" and not voting changed his vote to "AYE" and Representative McCaskrin asked to have his vote changed from "NO" to "AYE."

Supporters of the referendum clause raised a storm of protest over rules and the house was in disorder when former Speaker Shanahan attempted to explain Speaker Dahlberg's intentions. The disturbance was quieted when both sides agreed to a straight vote on the referendum amendment. No sooner had the referendum been voted down than another fight started over the enforcement provisions of the bill. Representative O'Grady, Democrat, of Chicago, offering an amendment to place enforcement powers specifically in the hands of the attorney general.

Minority Leader Devine took up the fight for the O'Grady amendment, attacking the Anti-Saloon league's clause leaving the matter of enforcement with either the attorney general, or a prohibition commissioner.

"William Hale Thompson will appoint the commissioner if one is appointed," Representative Devine declared. He declared that enforcement of prohibition laws in Chicago had been a failure and that under a Thompson commissioner state-wide enforcement might result similarly.

The senate today passed the Spence motion picture censorship bill which places the regulation of all film exhibits in the department of registration and education. The city of Chicago is exempted from the provisions of the bill because of its municipal censorship.

Senator Sneed's eight hour day bill was advanced to the order of third reading in the senate after an amendment exempting telephone companies employing less than five operators had been adopted.

Following defeat of the O'Grady amendment the house recessed until 3 p. m.

Representative Castle of Barrington, who introduced the state police bill in the house, made no effort today to save the measure, announcing after a conference with Senator Danlap, author of the bill, that friends of the measure had decided to start their last fight for the bill in the senate.

The Castle bill was killed following Chairman Soumear's report of action of the committee on efficiency and economy in clearing its calendar.

Dualist to Resurrect Bill.

Senator Danlap said today that he will make another fight to resurrect the state police bill this week.

Bills killed with the Castle bill by the house committee included the following:

The Davis bill imposing a 2-mill per ton tax on coal mines.

The Church bill, limiting landlords to 12 per cent of the market value of their properties on rent.

### CLOSE VOTE IS ANTICIPATED ON LANTZ BILL

Measure Expected To Be Taken Up Some Time Today.

Springfield, Ill., June 1.—Many members of the Fifty-second general assembly and many lobbyists were speculating today following yesterday's hearing on the Lantz anti-pit bill to place regulation of grain exchanges under the state department of agriculture. The speculation which began last night was general today. It was speculation over votes on the bill in the house of representatives.

It was indicated that the Lantz bill would be taken up some time during the day following action on the prohibition bill which had first call in the house.

The most optimistic supporters of the bill placed the number of votes it would receive at somewhere near 50. Others gave the bill a bare majority. Most of them admitted they expected a close vote.

Opponents Count Noses.

Board of Trade members began counting noses about the hearing last night and gave the bill 65 sure votes with enough doubtful ones to give it more than the necessary 77 if they all went in favor of the measure.

Joseph P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, attacked the United Grain Growers' Corporation as "one of the most vicious organizations of its kind in existence," and declared that the movement which it is behind contains the "same person which brought North Dakota to ruin and disgrace." By a vote of 10 for and 26 against, the senate killed the Cornwell housing bill, repealing old housing laws and prescribing new regulations for cities of 25,000 population or more.

Representative Frank Ryan's horse racing bill has gone to third reading in the house. It creates a commission of three members to govern racing and permits the use of pari-mutuel machines.

### HEAT AND RAIN FINE FOR GRAIN

Weather Bureau Says Conditions Have Been Favorable to Crops, But Rain Is Needed.

Springfield, Ill., June 1.—Warm weather and rainfall of the last week favored germination of corn and the growth of wheat, oats, meadows and pastures, but scattered areas are still in great need of rain, according to the weekly synopsis of weather and crop conditions issued here today by the weather bureau.

Corn shows an excellent stand, the synopsis says. In the northern and central divisions cultivation in general and planting is mostly completed, but these operations are backward in the south. In the central counties wheat is blossoming and oats are heading.

### SENATE PASSES BIG NAVY BILL

Measure Carries \$500,000,000 Appropriation—All Efforts to Reduce Amount Defeated.

Washington, June 1.—(United Press.)—The senate today passed the \$500,000,000 naval appropriation after defeating virtually every effort of senators advocating economy to reduce the appropriations.

The bill carries the Borch amendment authorized and requesting the president to invite Great Britain and Japan to a conference in the United States on a five-year disarmament program.

### Late Bulletins

Tokio, June 1.—Great Britain, the Nichi Nichi declares today, has suggested that Japan permit the Anglo-Japanese alliance to continue another year. The two nations are negotiating for a revision of the alliance, the newspaper says.

Washington, June 1.—Scott C. Bone, a former Seattle publisher, and who was publicity manager of the Republican National committee in the 1920 campaign, was nominated today by President Harding to be governor of Alaska.

Washington, June 1.—Michael J. Kelly of Oakland, Calif., was nominated today by President Harding to be superintendent of the San Francisco mint.

New York, June 1.—Photogravure plants of 17 New York newspapers were tied up today by a strike of engravers for a flat increase of \$8 a week. No commercial printing establishments were affected.

### MAY REVISE RAIL RATES DOWNWARD

Reduction of Necessities Subject of Conference With Harding.

Washington, June 1.—Downward revision of railroad rates, particularly of those on necessities, was discussed by President Harding today with members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, at an informal conference at the commission's headquarters. The president was understood to have been assured that the whole subject now was under review by the commission. Mr. Harding inquired particularly about the prospect for modification of rates on fruits. The commission officials are understood to have told him that they were making considerable progress on a plan for obtaining voluntary reductions in some rates through concerted action by the carriers.

It was said that this movement and the general work of ironing out inequalities had gone much further than information hitherto given to the public had indicated. Details as to this, however, were not made public.

### HEARINGS IN "FIFI" CASE ARE RESUMED

Efforts of Mrs. Stillman's Attorneys to Postpone Case for Another Week Fruitless.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 1.—(By United Press.)—Secret hearings in the Stillman divorce case were resumed shortly before noon today. Efforts of attorneys for Mrs. Stillman and her son Guy to postpone the case a week apparently were fruitless.

Mrs. Stillman's counsel had sought postponement because her chief counsel, Stanchfield, was forced to appear in a New York case. John E. Mack, the boy's acting guardian, also pleaded pressure of other business.

The hearings were held in the office of Referee Daniel J. Gleason. Appearing for Mrs. Stillman were: Abel L. Smith, George Coghill, John Collins, Rodwell P. Mays and John F. Brennan. Stillman was represented by Cornelius J. Sullivan, William Rand and Otterbridge Horse. Mack and J. Gordon Plannery appeared for the boy.

Mrs. Stillman was not present on account of illness.

### GIRL PASSES BOGUS CHECKS

St. Louis, Mo., June 1.—Miss Marion Walker, 21, pretty Chicagoan, occupied a jail cell here today.

Police say she admitted, after her arrest last yesterday, to having cashed \$300 in bogus checks here since her arrival from the windy city three weeks ago.

According to her story to police officials she left home a month ago to try living "on her own." A friend here told her to forge checks, received a split of the proceeds, and deserted her, she said.

### SOCIALISTS PLAN TO BUILD COLLEGE AS DEBS MEMORIAL

Oberlin, Ohio, June 1.—A living memorial to Eugene V. Debs, in the form of a college "where lack of money will be no bar and where all may live in a socialistic atmosphere," may become a reality, according to Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, prison reform agitator, in an address here recently.

The proposed institution of higher learning would be located in Northern Florida, and definite plans for its establishment there have been made, it was asserted by Mrs. O'Hare, who said the plans were drawn up by herself and co-workers, with Debs in the Atlantic prison, where they visited him just before coming here.

### KELLY HITS HIS NINTH HOME RUN

New York, June 1.—George Kelly of the New York Nationals today made his ninth home run of the season, tying with Meusel of the Philadelphia Nationals, who knocked out his ninth circuit clout yesterday.

### LEAGUE TO LOSE LATIN NATIONS, DIPLOMATS SAY

Col. Harvey's "Plain English" Starts Agitation.

Washington, June 1.—(United Press.)—Withdrawal of all Latin-American republics now members of the League of Nations, was predicted by South American diplomats here today.

It was learned that several representatives of the southern nations had already discussed informally advisability of their governments repudiating league membership with the state department.

Ambassador Harvey's "Plain English" speech and the growing belief that President Harding has definitely turned his back on even a modified league, are the reasons given by diplomats for the agitation in their countries for withdrawal.

Dr. Jacob Varela, Uruguayan minister, confirmed the report today that withdrawal from the league was under discussion in the Uruguayan congress.

"Argentina's position is the same as it was when Foreign Minister Peyrredon and the Argentinian delegation withdrew from Geneva—non-participation until our resolutions are considered," declared Felipe Bagli, charge d'affaires for Argentina.

Nicaragua has already expressed her intention of "resigning" from the league assembly. It is reported that Costa Rica, Salvador and other Central American countries are considering following suit.

Mexico has never been admitted to membership, although hope of admittance "when she mended her ways" was held out.

### BOMB DEATHS MAY INCREASE

Five Killed in Aberdeen Explosion—Condition of Three Others Is Critical.

Aberdeen, Md., June 1.—The death list resulting from the explosion of a bomb at the army proving ground here yesterday stood at five dead and belief was expressed at headquarters that there would be no additions, although the condition of three of the victims is still critical. Two soldiers were killed outright, and three others, two enlisted men and a civilian employee, died during the night. Of the most seriously hurt, Captain Joseph E. Hall, New Haven, Conn., was reported to be considerably improved, although his condition is admittedly critical. Privates Weinstein and Thomas W. Hill, also severely wounded, were said to be holding their own.

### ELGIN PAPERS ARE SUSPENDED

Printers Walk Out Without Notice, Demanding Increased Wages—Contract Violation Alleged.

Elgin, Ill., June 1.—This city's two newspapers were forced to suspend publication today, due to a walkout of printers. The men struck without previous notice. Publishers claim a violation of the union contract which provides for 30 days in which to negotiate a new scale after May 31, 1921. The men are demanding increased wages.

### PUSHING BAR ON BEER FOR SICK

Washington, June 1.—The house judiciary committee agreed today to report out the Volstead bill which would prohibit sale of beer on physicians' prescription for use by the sick.

Passage of the prohibition amendment served to annul various internal revenue laws covering the liquor traffic; the supreme court held today. Congress did not intend to preserve the old penalties, the court says.

### FINDS BUNDLE ON STEPS—IT'S "PICANINNY"

Chicago, June 1.—Ralph J. Erickson was passing a building at 731 North LaSalle street on his way home early this morning when he heard a baby crying. He turned and saw a bundle lying on the steps and opened it. It contained a two-months' old negro girl baby. Erickson carried the baby to the Chicago avenue police station and told them where he had found it.

"Take it back there," the desk sergeant said. "That was St. Vincent's orphan asylum."

NEWBERY HEARING.

Washington, June 1.—Hearings in the Ford-Newbery election controversy were set for June 2.

### ASSAULT ON WHITE GIRL CAUSES RIOT IN TULSA; BLACKS' HOMES BURNED

State Troops With Machine Guns Rushed to Scene—500 Whites and 1,000 Blacks Battle—Flames Spread From Negro Section.

Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Major Charles W. Daley of the police force, this afternoon estimated the number of dead from the race clash here at 175. He gave it as his opinion that a number of negroes had been burned to death, when their homes were swept by the fire.

Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Nearly ten square blocks of the south side of the negro section of Tulsa, where an armed conflict has been in progress between white men and negroes since early last night, resulting in the reported death of at least six whites and fifty negroes and a rapidly increasing list of wounded, were in flames today. The fire was reported spreading and threatened to wipe out a white residence section in the Standpipe and Sunset Hill additions to the city.

State troops under the command of Adjutant-General C. F. Barrett, arrived at 9 o'clock to take charge of the situation, augmenting local units of guardsmen who were called out last night. At this time there were reports of spasmodic shooting and the situation seemed to be easier.

Orphan Girl Victim.

The trouble is reported to have been the result of the arrest late yesterday of Dick Rowland, negro, for an assault on an orphan girl in an elevator. Crowds gathered about the jail and fighting soon followed. The negro was spirited away from the jail early this morning by deputies from the office of Sheriff McCullough.

Early in the evening armed negroes appeared in the principal streets, headed for the county court house, on the upper story of which is the jail. Shortly after about two hundred negroes had surrounded the building, armed white men began to appear. The first known firing occurred shortly after dark, when an officer reported to have stopped and disarmed a negro. A shot from somewhere, it is said, resulted in the officer shooting the negro. Thereafter clashes were frequent and the excitement increased.

Whites Stop Firemen.

The first attempt to fire the negro section was made about 1:30 o'clock this morning, when white men openly threatened to destroy the locality. Two houses at Archer and Boston, used by more than fifty negroes as a garrison, were set afire at that time, and an alarm was turned in. Efforts of the fire department to lay hose were stopped by a crowd of armed white men and the department returned to its station.

The attempt to lay the negro quarter in ashes was resumed at 4:40 o'clock this morning, when the most simultaneously fire began to burst forth from the doors and windows of frame shacks along Archer street. Soon dense clouds of black smoke enveloped the location. Under cover of the smoke screen armed men in motor cars and about three a cordon about the place where the negroes were stationed and occasional shots gave warning that the conflict still waged.

"Don't Shoot!" Cry of Blacks.

As the fire enveloped the houses, negroes were seen to dart out from flaming doorways with upraised hands, shouting, "don't shoot." As they dashed through the smoke they were ordered to surrender and quickly were removed to the prison camps.

### BOY WITNESS TELLS COURT PAL IS KILLER

Declares Cecil Burkett, 11, Shot Bennie Slavins, 7.

Knox, Ind., June 1.—(United Press.)—Freddie Schermann, nervous and timid, told the jury today that Cecil Burkett, 11, had killed his playmate, Bennie Slavins, 7, with a shotgun.

Nine-year-old Freddie, clad in homespun knickerbockers, a faded blue blouse, and clutching a crumpled cap in his hand, was the first witness for the state which asked that the Burkett boy be punished for the murdering of his playmate.

"We were playing in Burkett's back yard last Thanksgiving," said Freddie very slowly. "We wanted to go hunting, so Al Burkett, Cecil's brother, got a shotgun and we 'popped' at some birds but didn't hit any. Then we came back to the yard and Cecil took the gun. He pointed it right at Elsie, Bennie's sister and said, 'You better run, or I'll shoot you.' That's just what he said. Elsie ran.

"I then went up to clean out a bird nest. I heard the old gun go 'pop' and there went Cecil running around the corner with the gun in his hand. Al said 'You'll catch it now.' Bennie was lying on the ground shot. His red sweater was on fire."

Freddie, quite conspicuous because of a missing tooth in front, was then questioned about alleged enmity between Cecil and Bennie.

"Yeah," said Freddie. "Cecil didn't like Bennie. I saw him slap Bennie's face once and throw big rocks at him one other time."

Stern cross examination by W. J. Reed, Cecil's lawyer, failed to shake Freddie's story.

Mrs. Anna Burkett, the boy defendant's mother, sat with him during the trial. They were at the table for defense attorneys.

She wore a simple gingham frock and a shawl was thrown across her lap. She looked constantly at her boy. Her eyes were sad and dry; she seemed bitter at all that was going on about her.

Cecil's hair hung in tufts over his forehead. He sat unmoved as Freddie, his erstwhile playmate, testified he killed Bennie because of a quarrel.

Cecil claims Bennie's death was an accident.

### BANK BANDITS TAKE \$16,000

Hold Up Two Messengers in Front of Police Station and Escape With Currency in Auto.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 1.—Five bandits in a large touring car held up two messengers of the Millers & Traders bank here shortly after 9 a. m. today and escaped with \$16,000 in currency. The bank is located just across the street from police headquarters.

The messengers had driven in an automobile from the Northwestern National bank and just as they reached the Millers and Traders bank the holdup men stepped from a machine, pressed pistols against them and forced them to hand over the bags containing the money.

### FISHING CREW REACHES PORT

Survivors of Esperanto Brought to Halifax by Elsie 11—Schooner Sank in 15 Minutes.

Halifax, N. S., June 1.—(United Press.)—Captain Behman and his crew of 25 from the sunken fishing schooner Esperanto arrived here today aboard the Elsie 11 under command of Captain Geel. All the survivors were well.

The Esperanto, which won the international fishing boat race last fall, struck a sunken wreck in a dense fog off Sable Island and sank in 15 minutes, Behman said.

### PREMIERS MEET.

London, June 1.—The imperial premiers of representative of India are assembling for an important conference, especially on the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

### STRAWBERRY DROP.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 1.—The favorable weather has glutted the Michigan strawberry market, prices dropping \$7.00 a crate to \$4.50 with prospects of further declines.